CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): There is only one Indian Olympic Association.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect of MIC gas on children

1880. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 17th February, 1987 under the caption 'Crippling effect of MIC on children' and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the ill effects of MIC gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. A study entitled 'Psychosocial Competence in Children of MIC Exposed Areas of Bhopal' was sponsored by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development.

The main conclusions of the study are:—

(i) The children exposed to MIC gas displayed lower level of psychosocial competence and showed more psychiatric problems as compared to their control group counterparts.

(ii) The effects included poor level of cognitive functioning, certain degree of deviance in social skills accompanied by physical ailments and threats to mental health and well-being.

(b) It is proposed to initiate an intervention programme utilizing the ICDS scheme as a nucleus which would aim at the following:—

(i) helping in problem identification and diagnosis,

(ii) providing counselling, guidance and training for parents,

(iii) providing stimulation and psycho-social enrichment for the affected children,

(iv) special orientation courses for Anganwadi Workers in areas like mental and cognitive development, for strengthening the pre-school component, and

(v) supply of 150 ml. milk to each beneficiary in addition to 80 gms. of protein-enriched bread as the nutrition component.

Two additional ICDS projects have been sanctioned increasing the total projects to five, covering 792 Anganwadis in Bhopal, to cater to the special requirements of children in the gas affected areas.

Members of the visitors on the selection Committee of Central Universities

1881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the persons appointed as members of the visitors on the Selection Committees of the Central Universities for appointment of Professors, Readers and Lecturers, Facility-wise, during the last three years; and

(b) the number out of such nominees who have been serving on these committees for more than three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) List is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 76].

(b) Four.